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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Saburou Ikeda

Serial No.: 09/611,342

Group Art Unit: 2661

Filed: July 6, 2000

Examiner: Kading, Joshua A.

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING DIAL-UP BRANCH  
CONNECTIONS TO INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1, 3-6, 9-15, 17, 19, and 21-24 are all the claims presently pending in the  
application. Claims 1, 3-4, 12-15, 17, 19, and 21-24 are amended to more clearly define the  
invention. Claims 1, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 24 are independent.